



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 3, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Sustained wet conditions resulted in reduced field activities while minimal precipitation was received in large swaths of Colorado's eastern districts. As of April 4, mountain snowpack statewide was 97 percent of average. The Southwest and San Luis Valley were 82 and 86 percent of average, respectively. Stored feed supplies were rated 6 percent short, 76 percent adequate, and 18 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 58 percent average and 42 percent light. Cattle death loss was 1 percent heavy, 77 percent average, and 22 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted	7	2	7	19
Onions				
Planted	17	8	12	25
Potatoes Outside San Luis Valley				
Planted	5	--	20	8
Spring wheat				
Planted	7	2	11	15
Sugarbeets				
Planted	6	3	7	6
Winter wheat				
Pastured.....	9	11	9	4
Jointed.....	4	2	3	4
Cows calved	66	56	67	67
Ewes lambd	40	33	62	57

NA – not available

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	4.6	4.0	6.0	5.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	9	9	8	19
Short	21	21	29	34
Adequate	64	63	62	46
Surplus	6	7	1	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	9	9	15	25
Short	23	23	34	36
Adequate	65	65	49	38
Surplus	3	3	2	1

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Livestock				
Very poor	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	1	1	3	4
Fair.....	13	14	23	33
Good	77	77	65	57
Excellent	9	8	9	5
Pasture and Range				
Very poor	13	14	5	19
Poor.....	13	15	35	27
Fair.....	39	37	30	34
Good	31	31	28	19
Excellent	4	3	2	1
Winter Wheat				
Very poor	2	1	2	12
Poor.....	14	14	11	19
Fair.....	29	34	32	36
Good	47	45	48	30
Excellent	8	6	7	3

NA – not available

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